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Greetings and Salutations,

I am opposed to the proposed Microsoft settlement for two simple reasons. The first is that it does nothing to rectify the situation. In fact, if Microsoft is required to donate software, the justice department will actually be INCREASING THEIR CLIENT BASE. That is supposed to curb unfair competition? Secondly, it does nothing to punish them. It INCREASES THEIR CLIENT BASE. That is GREAT news for Microsoft. They will more than make up the cost of giving away their software when they sell the upgrades that the schools will need.

I think that the 'Red Hat Proposal' is best. Require Microsoft to furnish hardware to schools, and let Red Hat supply the software (which is open source and therefore FREE anyway). That way schools will be able to upgrade at will to keep up with the times, without worrying about having to pay for the upgrades.

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